

REMARKS AND ARGUMENTS

Claims Allowed

Claims 4, 14

Independent claims 4 and 14 were allowed.

Claims 2, 5-13, 51, 53

Claims 2, 5-13, 51 and 53 depend directly or indirectly from allowed independent claim 4 and are therefore also allowable.

Claims 42-43, 46-50, 55-58

Claims 42-43, 46-50, 55-58 depend directly or indirectly from allowed independent claim 14 and are therefore also allowable.

Claim Rejections - Antecedent Basis

Claims 3, 44, and 45

Claims 3, 44, and 45 were rejected for having terms lacking antecedent basis. These claims have been amended such that all the claim terms have proper antecedent basis. These claims depend directly or indirectly from allowed claim 14, and are therefore also allowable.

Claims 52 and 54


Claims 52 and 54 were also rejected for lacking antecedent basis. These claims have been cancelled. The cancellation is not to be construed as an admission of unpatentability.

CONCLUSION

Claims 2-14, 42-51, 53, and 55-58 are now in a condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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